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Claims 1-15: Subject matter relating to the preparation of cefditoren, pharmaceutically acceptable salts or ester thereof

2. claims: 16-21

Subject matter relating to a crystalline hydrates of ceftidoren sodium and crystalline hydrate of ceftidoren potassium

3. claims: 32-33

Process for the preparation of 7-ATCA (formula IX)

4. claims: Claims 35-38

Subject matter relating to Z-isomers of cefditoren pivoxil and the Z isomer of 7-ATCA

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